

February, 2023

Dear Parents,

If you applied to one independent school or more, on **Thursday, February 9th**, you will receive news from the schools that you applied to for your child. This will be a near-end or end of a long journey for you and especially your child.

There are a few perspectives to consider as you receive the news.

For you, there could be relief, pride, disappointment, anger, excitement, joy. All of which are understandable your peers and to me. But not to your children.

For them, it is just another day. It is very important that you low-key any news around your children as much as possible. They will not be leaving Chelsea Day School for a long, long, long time. Based on your reaction around them and with them, they could easily feel as though something is different: they have accomplished something life-changing or have failed at "getting in." Neither is true nor anything in between. They were assessed and a match was made because of who they are.....which is just perfect.

When the choice is final, of course, tell your child that this is the school they will go to after Chelsea Day School and after the summer: a long time from now. As we get closer to the end of school, the classroom teachers will guide conversations about leaving what has been their second home for a few years. We will keep you in the loop at the tim

As a group of parents, it has been a pleasure sharing this time with you. You are reasoned, sensible and more than not, pretty steady! This is not an easy process and I've enjoyed the time we've spent together around this next step. Every year, ongoing admissions directors tell me what a pleasure it is to meet not only our kids, but you, our parents.

Please fill me in as soon as you hear from the schools. Most schools will email; some may still use snail mail. Hang in there. Wait Lists are real! I am available. Shoot me an email and I will respond asap. I'm not as nervous as you, but pretty close.

Good luck. I'm with you!

Warmly,

Jean

Please see IMPORTANT NOTES attached!

